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Los Angeles, Calif., March 7, 1930.

American Numismatic Society of New York,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I will appreciate it if you will advise the name and address of various numismatic publications and the frequency of issuance of each. I have endeavored to secure numismatic magazines from news dealers but have been unsuccessful so far, neither have I been able to establish if any are published.

I am especially desirous of obtaining some medium of information as to the value of coinages as they take place. In other words, I would like to be in position of knowing promptly what coins of future coinages are likely to be "scarce" and worthy of "collection".

Further, I will thank you to give me a list of reliable dealers and individual collectors in the United States who have coins for sale or exchange.

I understand our present, small type, new dollars bills with a blue star preceeding the numbers of the bills are scarce and are of value in excess of their face value - these bills are generally referred to as the "Star Dollar Bills" - can you advise as to this bill. Also I am told the new type Two Dollar Bills have a premium. Further, I am advised our 1927-1928 silver dollars have a premium. Can you advise the number of the 1927 and 1928 silver dollars that were issued. Have any of our 1929 coins a premium? I have two 1929 San Francisco Mint half dollars - one of these coins bears the initials of the engraver or designer while the other is minus these initials. Can you advise me as to these.

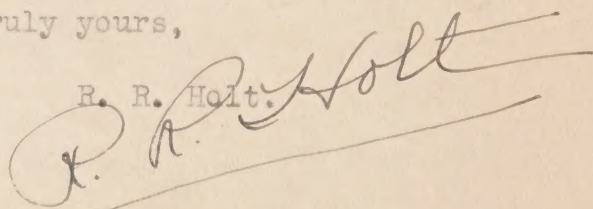
Can you direct me to any publication which will enable me to determine the number of each coin that is issued for each year, together with any publication that will point out the dissimilarity of coins of the same issue and year.

What are the requirements for membership in your Society? Is the Society open for membership only to dealers or is it open to both individual collectors and dealers? I will thank you if you will give me full information in this respect.

As you no doubt can see I am new at the "game" and I will thank you for any information you can give me as I find collection very fascinating and I would like to be "posted" at all times.

Very truly yours,

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R. R. Holt


March 11, 1930

Mr. R. R. Holt
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Dear Sir:

"The Numismatist" is the only numismatic publication in this country which appears regularly each month. It is issued by the American Numismatic Association and I am enclosing a leaflet which includes an application blank and general information about this organization and its magazine.

"The Numismatist" deals, in a haphazard way, with new issues of coins. They do not and cannot even give the probable value. They sell a list of collectors, and I am enclosing a list of dealers.

The new type of one dollar bill with the star is not valuable. Many thousands are put out. They are simply substitute notes for defective ones which are discovered when the final examination is made before releasing. 1927 & 28 silver dollars may or may not be rare. Millions were made but the bulk of them are stored away in Washington. If the initial of the designer does not show on your half-dollar, it is because it was not properly struck. In the list of dealers enclosed, Mr. Kohler and Mr. Mehl issue, I think, a booklet giving the number of coins struck each year.

The requirement for membership in our Society, is an interest in numismatics. The dues are five dollars annually for Associate Membership, and the members receive the publications of the year, which are issued in a series known as "Numismatic Notes and Monographs". I am enclosing a list of these publications to-date, also an application card in case you should wish to avail yourself of such. We should be pleased to hear from you.

Yours very truly,

Curator.